**Wholesale and consumer price index**

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that while inflation and the wholesale price index have registered a decline during the past three months, i.e. August, September and October, 1992, the same trend had been missing with respect to the Consumer Price Index;

(b) what is the Wholesale Price Index and Consumer Price Index levels registered each week during the past six months; and

(c) what are the main reasons for the absence of the declining trend being reflected in the Consumer Price Index, proportionate to the trend reflected in inflationary growth rate and the Wholesale Price Index ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) No, Sir, both the WPI and the CPI show similar declines inflation. The position with regard to the weekly wholesale price index (WPI) and the monthly consumer price index for industrial workers (CPI-IW) at the end of August, September and October, is indicated as under :

| Month | WPI* (Base : 1981-82) | | CPI(IW) (Base : 1982) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Index | Annual Rate of Inflation | Index | Annual rate of Inflation |
| August . . . . . | 229.7 | 9.2 | 242 | 11.2 |
| September . . . . . | 231.6 | 10.2 | 243 | 10.0 |
| October . . . . . | 231.8(P) | 9.8(P) | 244 | 3.4 |

*At the end of respective months.
(P) Provisional.

(b) The requisite details relating to the two indices during the past six months are furnished below :

| Month/week-end | WPI (Base : 1981-82) | CPI( IW) (Base : 1982) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| *MAY* 1992 | | 234 |
| 2-5-1992 . . . . . | 220.7 | |
| 9-5-1992 . . . . . | 221.4 | |
| 16-5-1992 . . . . . | 221.6 | |
| 23-5-1992 . . . . . | 222.2 | |
| 30-5-1992 . . . . . | 222.1 | |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| *JUNE* 1992 | | 236 |
| 6-6-1992 | 223.3 | |
| 13-6-1992 | 223.9 | |
| 20-6-1992 | 224.4 | |
| 27-6-1992 | 224.8 | |
| *JULY* 1992 | | 242 |
| 4-7-1992 | 225.8 | |
| 11-7-1992 | 226.5 | |
| 18-7-1992 | 226.7 | |
| 25-7-1992 | 227.2 | |
| *AUGUST* 1992 | | 242 |
| 1-8-1992 | 228.0 | |
| 8-8-1992 | 228.6 | |
| 15-8-1992 | 229.1 | |
| 22-8-1992 | 228.4 | |
| 29-8-1992 | 229.7 | |
| *SEPTEMBER* 1992 | | 243 |
| 5-9-1992 | 229.7 | |
| 12-9-1992 | 229.6 | |
| 19-9-1992 | 231.8 | |
| 26-9-1992 | 231.6 | |
| *OCTOBER* 1992 | | 244 |
| 3-10-1992 | 229.6 | |
| 10-10-1992 | 229.7 | |
| 17-10-1992 | 230.8 | |
| 24-10-1992 | 231.5 | |
| 31-10-1992 | 231.8 | |
| *NOVEMBER* 1992 | | |
| 7-11-1992 | 231.5 | |
| 14-11-1992 | 231.4 | |
| 21-11-1992 | 231.5 | |

(c) Does not arise.

**National Income and Wage Policy**

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SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a national income and wage policy has been on the anvil;

(b) if so, what are the aims, objects and parameters of this policy; and

(c) what steps have been taken towards formulation of the policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Negative growth in various sectors**

2313. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :